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SUBJECT: ALTMANN CASE

REF: LA PAZ 956

1. PRESENCE OF FEBRUARY 22 CARRIED AFP ARTICLE IN WHICH MINISTER-

SECRETARY ARCE REPORTEDLY INFORMED AFP CORRESPONDENT WITH PRESIDENT

BANZER HAD FORMALLY DENIED FRENCH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU'S REQUEST

FOR EXTRADITION OF ALTMANN. ARCE ALLEGEDLY STATED, QUOTE, IN HIS

NOTE OF REPLY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC CONSIDERS THAT SUFFI-

CIENT ELEMENTS OF JUDGMENT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO CONSIDER THE

PROBLEM AS SOLVED, END QUOTE. THE AFP ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT HIS

CONSTITUTED A DECISION THAT EXTRADITION WOULD NOT BE GRANTED.

THE OFFICIAL NOTE TO PRESIDENT POMPIDOU WAS REPORTEDLY TO BE SENT

TO FRANCE ON FEBRUARY 22 BY DIPLOMATIC POUCH.

2. COMMENT: NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE CONCERNING

THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY AND DECISION; THUS IT IS PREMATURE TO CON-

CLUDE THAT HE HAS FORMALLY DENIED THE EXTRADITION REQUEST. SIR ACUSA

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